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June 14, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A
GRANT AWARD FROM FIRST 5 LA FOR THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH
PROGRAM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on May 29, 2012, to accept and implement a forthcoming grant award from First 5 LA to support the Department of Public Health (DPH) Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program's Black Infant Health (BIH) Program services for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, in the amount of \$816,058, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this delegated authority, I will accept and execute First 5 LA Contract Number 07499 in the amount of \$816,058 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to continue BIH Program Services.

This funding allows DPH to continue the BIH Program's efforts to promote better health services for pregnant and parenting African-American women in Los Angeles County. by assuring that at-risk pregnant and parenting women (ages 18 years and older) and their children (up to age one) have access to appropriate health care.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Contract Number 07499 as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in this contract include provisions requiring the County to defend, indemnify and hold harmless First 5 LA for all claims and losses related to this contract. This is a standard requirement from First 5 and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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